

Dear Minister Upton and Office of Environment and Heritage,

Koalas are such an Australian icon. To eliminate them is not the legacy I would like to see your government be responsible for.

If you want to retain this very important animal for tourism and for the people of Australia, it is very important not to destroy koalas homes. When you allow land clearing, koala homes are destroyed.

Please save koalas homes and have tourists enjoy this delightful animal. I know you will help. We all have to protect vulnerable species, and we cannot let small gains in agriculture override this.

Thank you for listening.

Under the government's new land-clearing laws, WWF estimates we could see 2 million ha of koala habitat lost via the 'Equity Code'. The \$10 million earmarked to purchase koala habitat as part of your strategy will buy only 6,000ha of land on 2015 prices. Ten farmers applying the Equity Code could clear this in a single year.

I urge you to take meaningful action to save this beloved, iconic species.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Trujillo